

December 1, 2005

Mr. Ben Bramer
District Local Assistant Engineer
District 3 Local Assistance
703 B Street
P.O. Box 911
Marysville, CA 95901

Subject: 2006/2007 Bicycle Transportation Account Application

Dear Mr. Bramer:

Enclosed is the requested information for the 2006/2007 Bicycle Transportation Account grant application. Our project is called the Oak Parkway Bikeway Project. The following is a list of the items enclosed (one original and one copy).

- Bicycle Transportation Account Project Application
- Folsom City Council Resolution – Adopting Bikeway Master Plan
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) – Approval Letter
- Folsom City Council Resolution – Committing Matching Funds
- Environmental Documentation – Notice of Exemption
- Project Location Map

The City was recently recognized as a Bicycle Friendly City for the second time by the League of American Bicyclists at the Silver level. The City is very committed to promoting and enhancing commuter cycling opportunities and the proposed grant project is another example of our commitment to continue to improve conditions for cyclists.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information submitted please contact me at 351-3516.

Sincerely,



Jim Konopka
Senior Planner Trails



LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS
1612 K St., NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006-2850
WEBSITE www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org
EMAIL bikeleague@bikeleague.org
PHONE 202.822.1333
FAX 202.822.1334

October 17, 2005

Jim Konopka
Trail Development Coordinator
City of Folsom
50 Natoma St.
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Jim Konopka:

Congratulations! The League has re-designated Folsom, CA a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver level. This decision involved careful review of your application and consultation with local cyclists.

The award is presented only to communities with remarkable commitments to bicycling. You should be very proud of this accomplishment.

I have enclosed your award, specific feedback from the League of American Bicyclists on what you can do to make Folsom, CA more bicycle-friendly as well as a new decal for your BFC sign, and a copy of the National Press Release. I am emailing this feedback to you as well. If you would like to set up an award ceremony please let us know and we will put together a specific press release for the ceremony.

Your designation will be due for renewal in October of 2007. At that point your community will be reevaluated so we urge you to make as many improvements as possible in the meantime!

If you would like to order additional Bicycle Friendly Community road signs, please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the League.

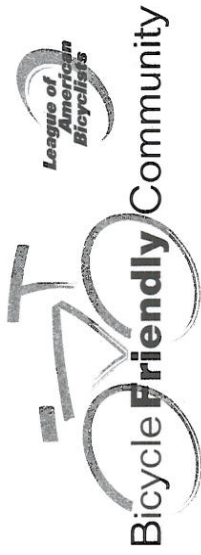
Once again, congratulations on your efforts to create a community that is truly bicycle-friendly.

Sincerely,

Bill Nesper
Program Manager
League of American Bicyclists
P: 202-822-1333
bill@bikeleague.org

Enclosures:

Award Certificate
National BFC Press Release
Feedback on application
Renewal decal
Sign order form



THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS

is pleased to present

FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA

with the

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AWARD

Silver Award

October 2005–October 2007

in recognition of your outstanding efforts

to encourage bicycling in your community

Mike Greenham

President

Andy Clark

Executive Director

Project Application

BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT

PROJECT APPLICATION

I. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant Agency: City of Folsom

Address: 50 Natoma Street

City: Folsom **County:** Sacramento **State:** CA **Zip:** 95630

Contact Person: Jim Konopka

Phone: 916-351-3516 **Ext:** _____ **E-Mail:** jkonopka@folsom.ca.us

State Legislative Districts: Senate 6 Assembly 5 Caltrans District: 3

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Oak Parkway Bikeway Project

Project Location: City of Folsom

Project Type: (Check all that apply)

Class I Bikeway ☒

Class II Bikeway ☐

Class III Bikeway ☐

Other ☐

Project Description: In the space provided, describe the project scope, purpose, and need. Include a map to scale with north arrow detailing the project location, length, limits, land uses, and destinations served.

The proposed project includes the construction of approximately 1.3 miles of Class I bikeway along the Oak Parkway Corridor. The bikeway will be 10-feet wide and meet all applicable Caltrans, Chapter 1000 design standards. The purpose of this project is to fill the last remaining gaps in the Oak Parkway Corridor, providing a 5-mile continuous bikeway from East Natoma Street to Blue Ravine Road to support bicycle commuting throughout the City. In the current situation there are no on-street or off-street bike facilities that provide a direct bikeway connection between the east and west portions of the City. Not having the east/west connection significantly reduces the ability for residents to access the many destinations available along the corridor. The timing to construct this bikeway has increased in priority since this part of Folsom has developed rapidly, and as mentioned this project represents the last two segments in the Oak Parkway Corridor and meets the immediate need to provide a continuous bikeway linking two regional Class I trails (15-mile Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, Historic Powerhouse canal trail). This project does provide a realistic transportation alternative for the commuter cyclist by offering direct access between homes and major destinations, including Folsom City Hall; new 24,000 sq ft Library; new Senior & Arts Center; City Park; Zoo Sanctuary and the Rodeo Grounds. With the lack of any alternative routes, either on or off-road, the commuter cyclist is discouraged from choosing their bike instead of their car to commute to work or other major destinations.

III. EVALUATION CRITERIA

(To be completed by applicant)

Eligible BTA projects are those that serve the functional needs of bicycle commuters. Accordingly, BTA project applications will be evaluated as Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Ineligible according to the following criteria. In the space provided, describe how well the proposed project fulfills the following program criteria.

1. Will bicycle commuters be the primary users of the proposed project?

The bike commuter will be the biggest benefactor of this project. Filling these last two gaps provides a continuous east/west corridor that does not currently exist. The commuter cyclist would find this route even more direct than any on-street facility along this corridor. There is only 2-local street crossings along the entire 5-mile corridor, providing an excellent bike commuter facility, usable by all skill levels from kids going to school and adults biking to work.

2. Does the proposed project have the potential to increase bicycle commuting?

Eliminating the last barriers in the Oak Parkway Bikeway Corridor and providing a much needed east/west facility will encourage more cyclists to utilize their bike for commuting to work, school and to link up with other transportation modes. There are two schools and major employment centers (Folsom Prison, City Hall, etc.) along the corridor that make it an ideal corridor for cyclists. We also plan on doing counts after the project is complete to confirm the number of users.

3. Is the proposed project the best alternative for the situation?

The City evaluated several alternative routes and determined that with the limited right-of-way available, sensitive resources and the lack of any direct surface streets, this alignment provided the most cost effective route for commuter cyclists. The City set aside this right-of-way in the 1970's for future extension of Oak Ave Parkway. In an effort to promote bike commuting, the City has decided to focus on a bike trail, rather than a road through this corridor.

4. Will the proposed project improve bikeways and/or amenities that support bicycle commuting e.g. bicycle parking, lockers, showers, lighting, call boxes, maps, and bicycle safety education programs?

Yes!! The main purpose of the proposed project is to complete the last segments of the Oak Parkway Bikeway and provide a continuous corridor from East Natoma St to the Humbug-Willow Creek Regional Trail. By completing this gap it will provide bike access to the new bike lockers installed at the two new light rail stations adjacent to the bikeway at Folsom Bld. This project also proposes to install three call boxes along the 5-mile bikeway corridor and two informational Kiosks with bike maps.

5. Will the proposed project provide or improve bikeway continuity to activity centers such as public buildings, transit terminals, business districts, shopping centers, schools, etc.?

The overriding goal of this project is to provide continuity between the citywide Class I and Class II bikeway network. Completing the 5-mile east/west connector provides direct bike commuter access between over 10,000 residents and major destinations along the corridor, including 2 schools, Folsom City Hall, a new 24,000 sqft Library, Senior Center, City Park, Folsom Zoo Sanctuary and the Folsom Prison (2,000 plus employees).

IV. PROJECT BUDGET

Funding	Engineering/Design	Right of Way	Construction	Total	Percent
BTA Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$429,000.00	\$429,000.00	86.96%
Local Funds	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,350.00	\$64,350.00	13.04%
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$448,350.00	\$493,350.00	100.00%

V. PROJECT SCREENING CRITERIA**. Local Match**

0. Will applicant provide the local share as indicated in the project budget table above?
(Note: The minimum local share required is 10% of the total project cost.) Y ☒ N ☐
1. What is the estimated completion date of the proposed project? Month: JUN Year: 2007

. Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP)


0. Name of BTP applicant is using to establish eligibility for BTA funding?
BTP: City of Folsom, Bikeway Master Plan BTP Adopted Date: 11/26/2002
0. Name of Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
RTPA: SACOG BTP Approval Date: 11/21/2003
0. Is the BTP approved by the BFU? Y ☒ N ☐
0. Is the applicant submitting a BTP for BFU approval? Y ☐ N ☒
0. Is the proposed project consistent with the BTP? Y ☒ N ☐
0. BTP page number identifying the proposed project. Page No.: 54, 61

. Evidence of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

BTA projects must be in compliance with the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the BTA application submittal date. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the required environmental documentation, making the appropriate environmental determination, and submitting it with the application.

VI. APPLICATION SIGNATURE

An authorized representative of the applicant agency must sign the application. The undersigned affirms that the statements contained in the application package are true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

 12.1.05
Name Date

Title: Parks & Recreation Director

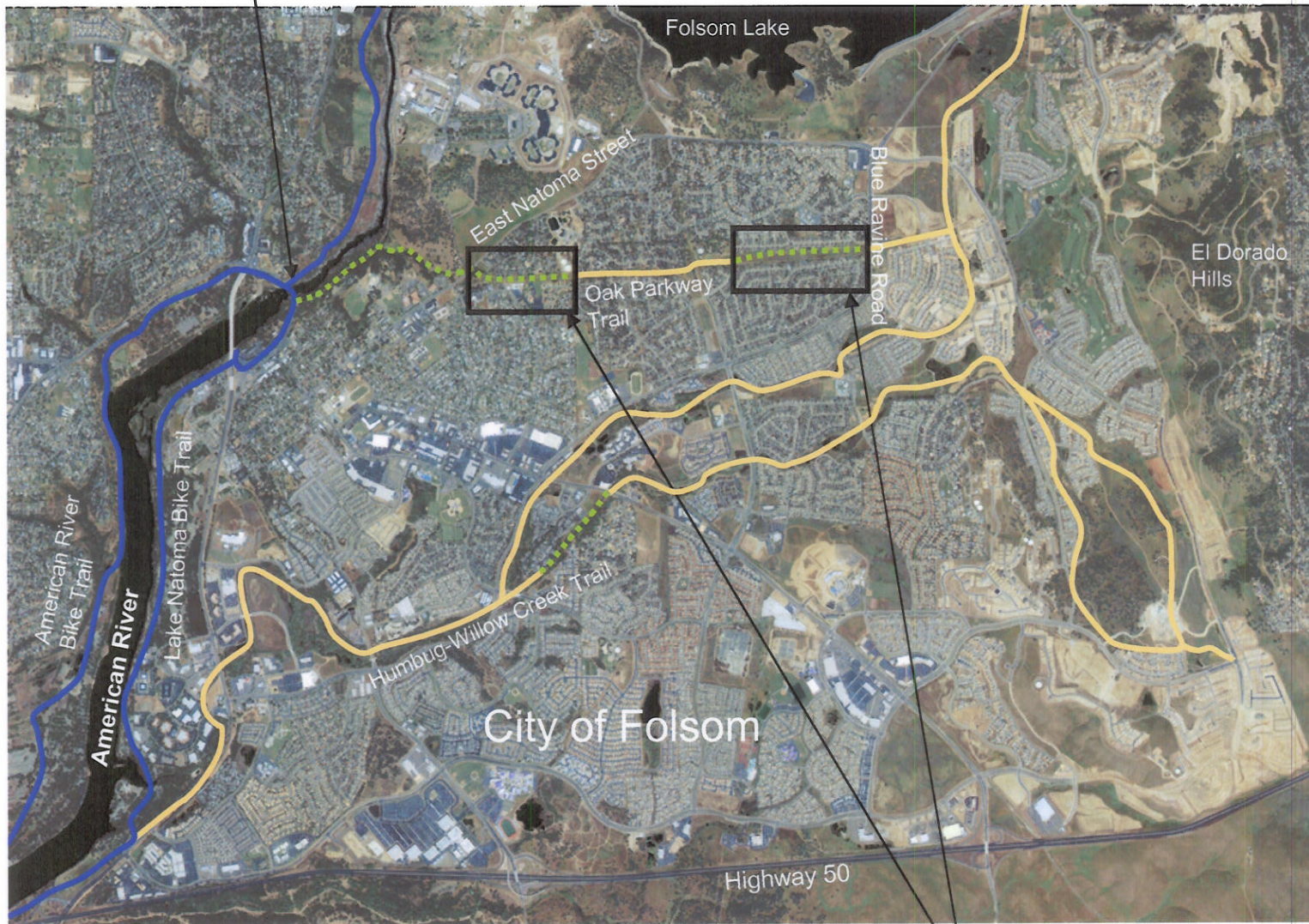
Distribution: Local agency sends original and one copy to the DLAE. DLAE forwards original to BFU and retains copy for district file.

Location Map



**City of Folsom
December 2005**

**Historic
Truss Bridge**



Oak Parkway Bikeway

East Natoma Street to Blue Ravine Road

**Proposed 2006/07
BTA Grant Project**

**City of Folsom
December 2005**

Environmental Documentation

Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: — Office of Planning and Research
400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, California 95814

From: City of Folsom
Parks & Recreation Department
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, California 95630

☒ County Clerk
County of Sacramento
600 8th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

ENDORSED:

SEP 27 2005

Project Title:

Oak Parkway Open Space Corridor Recreational Trail Project, Phase II

CRAIG A. KRAMER, CLERK-RECORDER

By 

Project Location – Specific: Along the Oak Parkway open space corridor from Willow Creek Drive to Blue Ravine Road.

Project Location – City: Folsom

County: Sacramento

Description of project: The proposed project involves the installation of a class 1 bike trail within existing City right-of-way and will make a connection between Willow Creek Drive and Blue Ravine Road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Folsom

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Folsom, Parks and Recreation Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption, State type and section number: Minor alteration to land, Section 15304

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

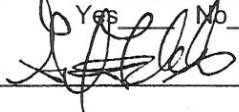
Project involves only minor alterations to land, water and vegetation, and will not involve removal of mature scenic trees. The installation of the bicycle trail is within existing right-of-way.

Lead Agency contact person: Jim Konopka

Phone: (916) 351-3516

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Signature:  Date: 9/27/05 Title: Principal Planner

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Oak Parkway Open Space Corridor Recreational Trail Project
City of Folsom Parks and Recreation Department

Bikeway Transportation Plan

City Council Resolution Adopting Bikeway Master Plan

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) – Approval Letter

RESOLUTION NO. 6992

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF FOLSOM 2002 BIKEWAY MASTER PLAN AND APPROVING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Folsom General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element, adopted October 1988, identified the need for a Bikeway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a current Bikeway Master Plan would preclude the City from qualifying for certain state funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Bikeway Master Plan is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, an updated Bikeway Master Plan is required for compliance with air quality and traffic congestion management legislation, as well as federal, state and regional transportation planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended approval of the Bikeway Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the City of Folsom 2002 Bikeway Master Plan for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive policy document to guide the development of the local bikeway system and approves the Negative Declaration.

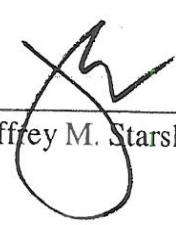
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of November 2002, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members: King, Miklos, Howell, Starsky

NOES: Council Members: None


ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: Dow



Jeffrey M. Starsky, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Christa Schmidt, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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November 20, 2003

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Jim Konopka
City of Folsom
Parks & Recreation Department
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Mr. Konopka:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments has reviewed the City of Folsom's Bikeway Master Plan Update, adopted November 26, 2002. The Plan complies with State laws and the Regional Transportation Plan and is acceptable to submit to the California Department of Transportation for Bicycle Transportation Account funding.

If you have any questions on this, please call me at (916) 340-6233.

Sincerely,

Sue Teranishi

SUE TERANISHI
Associate Planner

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**City of Folsom –
Resolution Approving Matching
Funds**

RESOLUTION NO. 7700

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE OAK PARKWAY TRAIL PROJECT - WILLOW CREEK DRIVE TO BLUE RAVINE ROAD AND WILLOW CREEK DRIVE TO EAST NATOMA STREET

WHEREAS, the Streets and Highways Code, Bicycle Transportation Account provides funds for grants to local agencies for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Bicycle Facilities Unit, has the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to complete an important segment of the Oak Parkway Trail system that is included in the 2002 City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, based on revenue projections in fiscal year 2007/08 the Transportation System Management Account Fund (206) will have sufficient funds for the \$64,350 matching funds and will be programmed in the 2007/08 Fiscal Year Trails Division Capital Improvement Program; and


WHEREAS, all contracts relating to the application for State Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Funds shall be approved by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the State Bicycle Transportation Account; and
2. Certifies that the City of Folsom has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoints the Parks and Recreation Director as agent of the City of Folsom to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project, and
4. Approves the use of \$64,350 from the Transportation System Management Account Fund (206) for the grant matching requirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November 2005, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Council Member(s):	Morin, Starsky, Howell, King, Miklos
NOES:	Council Member(s):	None
ABSENT:	Council Member(s):	None
ABSTAIN:	Council Member(s):	None


Stephen E. Miklos, MAYOR

ATTEST


Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK